

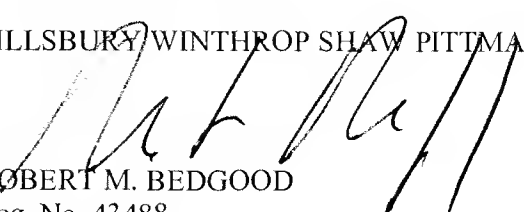
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1 to 20 and 23, for prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicant's elect the SNP species of rs4713916, which is located in a non-coding region. For the species of classifying, Applicants elect claim 2, predicting the response to therapy. For SNP rs4713916, corresponding primers and probes, respectively, are SEQ. ID NOs: 1 and 2 (see Table 2). The exterior primer has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9 (see Table 3). The probe species for the allele associated with improved response is the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13. The probe species for the allele associated with inferior response is the sequence with SEQ ID NO: 14. In view of the foregoing election of Group I claims for prosecution, the election of a species for expression level is moot.

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